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SUBJECT: DEMARCHING GOK ON THIRD COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

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Classified By: Political Counselor Pete O'Donohue for reasons 1.4 b and d

(C) PolCouns on October 28 conveyed reftel points to Nasser Al-Mohareb, Counselor in MFA's IO bureau. Mohareb, who recently returned to the MFA from a posting in New York, told PolCouns he would convey our views up his chain of command, but observed that the GOK's traditional reluctance to single out countries for criticism of human rights abuses made Kuwait exceedingly unlikely to want to so spotlight a powerful neighbor like Iran. Mohareb noted that the GOK is unlikely to support USG views on no-action motions, stating that such motions are legitimate tools within the UN system and indicated that Kuwait may be willing to support the USG position on postponement of the Defamation of Religion Resolution; no decision has yet been made.

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